

**COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING PSORIASIS****ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

CD40 antagonists are used to prepare compositions, including pharmaceutical compositions, for treating autoimmune and neoplastic diseases in a mammal. The CD40 antagonist compositions are useful for reversing or substantially diminishing such autoimmune diseases as systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and psoriasis.